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EODMU-6 Sailors excel at home and abroad

By Timothy Domrose
NWS Public Affairs Office



Photo by Timothy Domrose

“X” gets the square!
Amber Murphy from Mrs. Keller’s third grade class at Sedgefield Intermediate School plays a round of underwater tic-tac-toe with EOD Chief Randy Strickland during last week’s career day demonstration.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Six (EODMU-6), Charleston detachment is located on the south side of the station, the elite force has a well-known primary mission to disarm and render safe explosive devices. It is not common knowledge however, that when they are not jumping from planes, crawling through the sand or swimming through mine infested waters, they serve a vital role in the community, by volunteering at Sedgefield Intermediate school.

Despite their busy deployment schedule, EODMU-6 Sailors take time out of their hectic lives to support the local community as the official sponsor of Sedgefield Intermediate School. “Our students need volunteers to assist with reading and math skills,” says Cathy Frink the school’s volunteer coordinator.

The Sailors at EODMU-6 regularly deploy overseas in small groups of eight called detachments or teams and are attached to shore or shipboard commands. “Teams are deployed on a continuous basis about every six months depending on the need for them. Their missions are diverse and they operate in countries all over the world, including Bahrain and Iraq.” said Senior Chief Tony Diaz.

In addition to academic help, EODMU-6 Sailors contribute one-on-one time as lunch buddies and to assist with school projects. “The students need positive role models, especially men.” Seeing the military in uniform helps to motive and encourage them” said Susan Best, Sedgefield Intermediate School principal.

Both inside and outside the classroom, members of the mobile unit are ready to execute any mission. Wherever they are called, EODMU-6, Charleston detachment is there “mission ready” and serving as community leaders to the students of Sedgefield Intermediate School.

While deployed the Sailors of EODMU-6, eliminates ordnance hazards that jeopardize military operations.

When called into action, specially designed transport containers are loaded with all the necessary gear and flown by Charleston Air Force base C-17’s to the deployment destination. “It’s a challenging job, the equipment,

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A buggy full of babies!

Since April is the Month of the Military Child, what better reason is there to have a parade. The pre-toddler four group participated in this year’s festivities held at the Station’s Child Development Center. The parade consisted of classes in decorated buggies, marching bands, bunnies, chickens bears and clowns. See page 6 for more parade photos as well as pictures from other Military Child events on Station.

Photo by Bart Jackson



Naval Weapons Station Charleston



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To enable warfighter readiness by providing base facilities, infrastructure and operational support to our tenant commands.

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Captain's Log



By **CAPT Gary W. Edwards**
Commanding Officer NWS Charleston

As I write this, I just returned from the EEO Advisory Committee's annual Spring Festival. It was a wonderful event, and I thank all of those who were involved in setting it up; we also set a new attendance record. Someone came up to me afterwards and mentioned to me that I didn't say anything about safety - because I seldom miss the opportunity to talk about safety when I'm addressing an audience. My topic was diversity instead of safety and I stuck with that topic, so I'll make up for it by devoting just about all of this column to safety.

April is the Month of the Military Child. Last month, in March, I mentioned that winter temperatures were staying pretty moderate and that we should all be taking advantage of the beautiful Lowcountry climate. Now we are starting to experience higher temperatures and with it there are dangers. While it is never OK to leave a small child or baby unattended, parents must take special care to not leave an infant alone in a vehicle.

A recent survey (released by kidsincars.org) showed that many parents and caregivers have left a child under the age of 12 unattended in a vehicle. Everyone needs to be well aware of the dangers and potentially deadly consequences. Last year, there were 149 children in the United States who died and since the year 2000, there have been more than 3,300 incidents. That's staggering.

Most of us have gotten into a car that has been in the sun and noticed that the temperature is too high to even touch the metal on the seat belt or to hold onto the steering wheel. If the outside temperature

is in the low 90s, it takes less than 15 minutes for the interior of the car to reach upwards of 170 degrees Fahrenheit. At that temperature it only take a few minutes for a child to die or suffer permanent disability.

All of us need to stay alert and keep an eye for unattended children in parked cars. If you fear children are in imminent danger, call 911 and stay with the children until they are in a safe environment. Never leave children alone in a car. Not even for a minute.

On another safety topic, the Naval Weapons Station is currently working to be recognized in the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program. VPP promotes effective worksite-based safety and health. In the VPP, management, labor, and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system. Approval into VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. The essence of VPP is in all of us taking ownership of safety - every NWS person needs to know the elements of VPP (Management Leadership and Employee Involvement, Work Site Analysis, Hazard Prevention and Control, Safety and Health Training) and each must be very familiar with the applicable Job Hazard Analyses. It's about working safely; safety is everybody's business, it's not just the job of the safety office!

Shifting topics, I'm very proud to announce that contributions made to the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society by Sailors stationed here have exceeded our goals. We are up to \$182,000 as of April 7, and not all of the results are in yet. Thanks to all of you for contributing, and a special thanks to all of the command and departmental representatives for doing an outstanding job.

Stay safe out there, and don't forget the next Base (Road Rage) 5K Road Race, 6:30 am on April 26. See you there!

Chaplain's Corner

Roll back the stone and see the glory of God

By **Lt. John E. Kelly Catholic Chaplain**
NWS Charleston

"The truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. For just as death came by means of a man, in the same way the rising from death comes by means of a man. For just as all people die because of their union with Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life because of their union with Christ..." "Just as we wear the likeness of the man made of earth, so we will wear the likeness of the Man from Heaven." 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22, 49

With these words Paul is telling us something that we may not realize, something that can change our attitude towards our self and life...we don't have to wait until we die to share in the risen life and the risen power of Jesus Christ. We can do it now. All we have to do is open our hearts to him.

Let me illustrate what I mean with a true

story. In 1989, two years into my priesthood, at the age of 29 I was diagnosed with arterial sclerosis, a hardening of the arteries surrounding my heart. Between 1989 and 1993 I had two heart attacks. In May of 1993 at the age of 33 I underwent a triple by-pass surgery. As I was being wheeled into surgery I prayed a simple prayer..."God I really don't want to die or be a cardiac cripple for the rest of my life, but whatever Your will for me is I'll accept it." That was the last thing I remember before the drugs kicked in.

During my recovery from surgery I began to think about all the things I'd place importance on in the past, they seemed pretty trivial to me now, they didn't seem to matter anymore. Time became very precious to me and most important of all...God became very real to me. I felt His power, and still do to this day, and I knew that God had answered my prayer. I always knew that God loved me, but up until that point I didn't know just how much He loved me. I had, in a sense died, but when I came out of surgery and recovered, I felt that I had risen to new life.

It was then that I began to realize that we don't have to wait until we die to share in the

risen life and risen power of Jesus. We can share in it right now, at this moment. Each time we love again after having our love rejected, we share in the power of the resurrection. Each time we trust again after having our trust betrayed, we share in the resurrection. Each time we fail and try again, we share in the resurrection. Each time we hope again after having our hope smashed into pieces, we share in the resurrection.

The message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us anymore—not pain, not sin, not rejection, not death. The message of Easter is that Christ has conquered all, and that we too can conquer all, if we put our faith in him. The good news of Easter is...we don't have to wait until death to share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can begin to do it right now, in this life and at this moment. All we have to do is open our hearts to the grace that Jesus won for us on the first Easter Sunday, nearly 2,000 years ago. The Stone that blocked my life was rolled back and I saw the glory of God!

May you all have a Blessed and Joyous Easter.

The Navy Exchange: Then and Now

By Ensign Kent Su
NWS Charleston Public Affairs

The Navy Exchange (NEX) System celebrated its 60th anniversary on April 1. Over the past 60 years, the NEX has worked diligently to fulfill its mission to provide quality goods and services at a savings and to support quality of life activities to patrons.

The Naval Weapons Station Charleston's NEX is holding special sales, events, and promotions to celebrate the institution's 60th anniversary. To celebrate the anniversary, the Weapons Station's NEX is holding a special ceremony Wednesday, April 26, at 11:00 a.m.. The store is holding a special sale that day along with prize giveaways and a balloon pop where customers can earn additional discounts.

Candy Matthews, the store manager, encourages Sailors to stop by "Our mission is to provide quality goods and services to Sailors at a savings."

In addition to saving customers money, the Weapons Station's NEX makes contributions to Morale Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) quality of life programs. It donates 70% of the profits to MWR with the remaining 30% used for maintenance. The store also donates unsold goods to the Chaplin's office.

Navy Exchanges have come a long way since the days when bumboats sold their wares to Sailors aboard naval vessels in the 1800's. Back then, Sailors had to depend on these unreliable boats to get their personal items while aboard ship. Unfortunately, goods sold by the bumboats were typically inferior and sold at very high prices.

By 1909, the Naval Appropriations Act established the first official resale activity, the Ships Stores and Commissary Stores. The act allowed the Navy to procure and sell merchandise to Navy and Marine Corps officer and enlisted men at naval stations outside the continental United States and Alaska. In 1925, the Ships Service was created to provide Navy crewmembers nearly any legal article of merchandise without the profit restrictions placed on the Ships Store.

It became clear by 1942 that there was no need or space for two ships service type stores aboard Navy ships. The Supply Officer, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, recommended to the Chief of Naval Operations to merge the two stores into one official ships store operation. The recommendation was accepted and by 1944, the Secretary of the Navy made the establishment of the merged stores mandatory on all ships that had a supply

officer and permissive on all Naval activities.

Ships Service Stores ashore also began steps towards centralization in 1945 when a committee was formed to study the resale activities. The committee subsequently recommended that all resale activities be operated like a large chain of retail stores and that a central office be established to oversee the operation of the Navy Resale System. The new central office for the Navy Ships Store Office was established in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Apr. 1, 1946. This office was later renamed NEXCOM and relocated to Virginia Beach, Va., in 1993.

Today, NEXCOM provides oversight for 109 Navy Exchanges complexes with 433 stores, as well as 43 Navy Lodges, 155 ship's stores and the Uniform Program Management Office. It also manages postal operations, food service - both ashore and afloat, disbursing/ATMs-at-Sea and household goods/personal property.

Overall, the organization is committed to improving every sailor's life. When service members and their families support the local NEX, it makes financial sense, and it improves the base community.



The monthly Captain's Call - Awards Ceremony was held March 30th at All Saints Chapel. This months recipients are:

Letter For Length Of Service For Civilians

Larry D. Brown (20 Years)
William J. Scott (20 Years)
Arthell I. Thompson (20 Years)
Donald K. Brandenburg (25 Years)
Mark A. Pender (30 Years)

Good Conduct Award

MA3 Jessi Ralston

Letters Of Appreciation

Cheryl Rivers
Tara Fuller
CDRBarry Murphy

CO's Letter of Commendation

EN2 Marifeeugenia Freese

Flag Letters of Commendation

SH3 James Lonergan
SK2 Arreni Mullins
MA2 Thomas Vasko
SH1 Carlton Carrington

Galley

CS3 Khristen Mells
SH3 James Lonergan
CS2 Stacy White
CS2 Scott Lewis
CS2 Jerry Winebarger
CS2 Aaron Hickerson
CS2 London Woods
SK2 Arreni Mullins
CS1 Douglas Blanton
MM1 Trevis Richardson
CS1 Todd Hall
CS1 David Letbetter
CS1 Concepcion Jordan
CS1 Kim Sherril
CS1 Ronald Taylor
CS1 Luis Torres
IC1 Nick Leone
CS1 Herbert Moorman

Navy Achievement Medal

EA2 David Jones
CS1 Ronald Taylor

Civilian Achievement Medal

William Graves

Navy Commendation Medal

Lt Joseph Johnson



Naval Weapons Station's beauty queen

By ENS Kent Su
Navy Charleston Shoreline

Goose Creek High School (GCHS) crowned Navy daughter Angelica Smith as Miss Freshman on Saturday, March 25. She faced fierce competition against nineteen contestants, including several other daughters of naval personnel, each vying for the right to represent their respective class. Angelica Smith is the daughter of LCDR Wesley Smith, Naval Weapons Station executive officer.



As a first time beauty contestant, Angelica didn't quite know what to expect. She soon discovered Miss L'Esprit requires lots of work. First, contestants must pass a strenuous background check. "They must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA, great recommendations from their teachers, no discipline problems for excessive tardiness or inappropriate behavior," says Mahwish McIntosh, pageant co-sponsor and GCHS English/yearbook teacher.

According to the judges the students are put through a rigorous process to determine winners. Judges grade the young ladies on their interviews, casual wear, and formal wear specifically looking for traits such as personality, smile, composure, confidence, professionalism, and stage presence.

Once Angelica received official certification, she worked hard preparing herself for the big night, spending countless hours buying dresses, writing speeches, preparing interviews, and rehearsing dance routines.

Mahwish claims to enjoy organizing the contest and working with the girls each year. "I really love the bonding and closeness that I see in the girls over the duration of practices. We sweat, bleed, slip, fall, laugh, cry, get angry, yet all together, and each year, I get to work with some of the most caring, kind and admirable young women at Goose Creek."

This pageant is no ordinary beauty contest, because the participating students are raising money for an important cause. The pageant's primary goal is to raise money for the school yearbook. Contestants must raise at least \$50 to help pay for the publication's \$35,000 production costs.

Angelica still plans on entering Miss L'Esprit next year. Once her high school beauty career ends, she plans on going to college and becoming a doctor. Her advice to future contestants, "Don't be nervous. Be yourself. Don't be fake and smile a lot because judges like that."

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Changes at the Galley

Please note a change to the Galley's hours of operation. Weekdays, the evening meal runs from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

This change is effective immediately.

Scheduled power outages on Station

NWS utilities will be doing power line/power pole repairs that will affect the Branch Medical Clinic (BMC) and Wellness building. As a result, the BMC and Wellness buildings will be without power. The BMC and Wellness building will be closing on the following dates and time:

April 21 at 2:00 p.m.

April 28 at 2:00 p.m.

May 5 at 2:00 p.m.

This will include pharmacy, lab, and radiology services. These services will be available at the hospital.

Golf tournament tomorrow

No Pin/Flag Tournament scheduled at Redbank Golf Course

On Saturday, April 15, the Redbank Plantation Golf Association will have a No Pin/Flag Tournament at Redbank Plantation Golf Course. This will be an individual stroke play tournament and no pins/flags will be on the greens. Players may not go beyond where their ball lies. Prizes will be awarded according to participation. The cost for this tournament is \$15, plus cart and green fees. Please note that all golfers are welcome to participate in the association tournaments. Sign up for this tournament at Redbank Plantation Golf Course or call 764-7802 for more information.

Navy Knowledge Online (NKO)

Health Topics NKO's Personal Development Page Helps Sailors Stay Healthy In addition to helping Sailors plot and navigate their careers, Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) is also equipped and dedicated to guiding them to a healthier lifestyle by making them aware of health risks and offering advice and resources for improving their physical and mental being. From NKO's Personal Development page, Sailors can click on the Health and Wellness link. This page has sections for "Health Alerts and Hot Topics," "Health Newsletters and Bulletins," "Interactive Tools to Improve Your Health," including toll-free hot lines, a risk assessment survey, a "Virtual Health Coach", exercise and menu planners, as well as other health programs. For more information about the health and wellness services offered through NKO, log on at www.nko.navy.mil.

Help getting into shape

Crews Into Shape "Crews Into Shape" promotes a workplace-team approach to healthy eating and physical activity. The challenge is held from 6-31 March 2006 in conjunction with National Nutrition Month. Crews Into Shape is a fun, team-oriented program that encourages all participants to eat 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily, exercise for 30 minutes 5 days a week, drink adequate fluids/water, and maintain or achieve a goal weight. For challenge rules and registration information, go to: www.nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/crews_into_shape.

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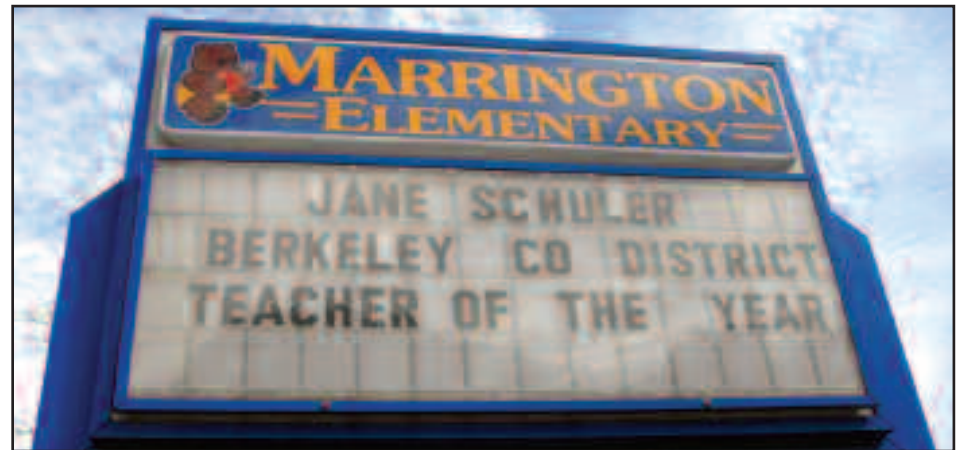


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Congratulations once again!

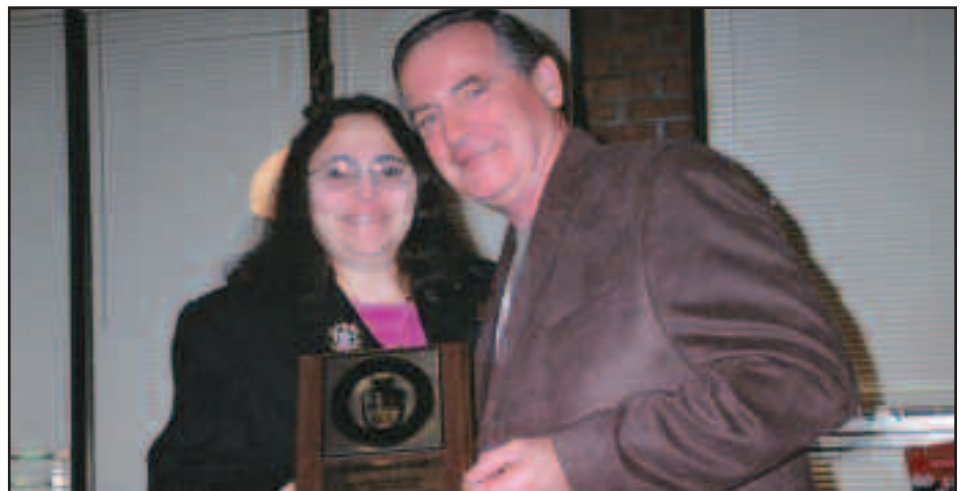
Once again we congratulate Marrington Elementary's teacher of the year, Mrs. Jane Schuler for being named this year's Berkeley County teacher of the year.



Photo by Bart Jackson

Where eagles fly

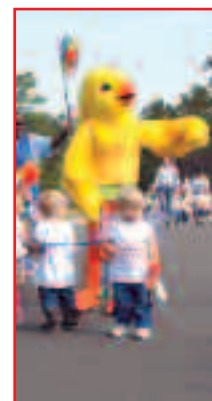
World famous naval aviators, The Blue Angels performed last weekend in Charleston to a crowd in excess of 50,000. Here they perform a signature takeoff move that is just one of the many routines that thrilled the crowds before Mother Nature took over with high winds and thunderstorms.



Ed Croft, Director, Navy College Office, Goose Creek retired January 2006. He has served the voluntary education program for the Navy in the greater Charleston area for the past 25 years, both as a counselor and then as the NCO Director. He was presented with a flag that was flown over the Capital Building in Washington D.C., a Navy College commemorative plaque, a retirement certificate documenting his 31 year of federal service and a Letter of Commendation from the Commanding Officer, Center for Personal and Professional Development.

Celebrating the Month of the Military Child

April is set aside to commemorate the children of the nation's military men and women. To celebrate, several events have taken place on Station to recognize these children. These are photos from two of the events; The Annual FFSC Stroller-thon and the children's parade at the Child Development Center.



Photos by Bart Jackson

Watch your step! Watch out for those ants!

By Timothy Domrose
NWS Public Affairs

Spending time in your backyard to soak up the Carolina sunshine is something everyone enjoys. But feeling a stinging sensation coming from your toes and ankles because you stepped on a pile of red "fire" ants is an experience no lowcountry resident can ever forget.

Local residents have found a number of inventive methods to deal with these hungry pests. There are ways to eliminate the threat of fire ants, short of setting your lawn on fire or moving. Fire ants can be safely controlled.

First, the popular use of gasoline is not recommended nor is it legal. The most recommended method is the use of mound drenches, which are insecticides diluted with water, work as contact insecticides. To be effective, the drench must trickle down through the mound and contact most of the fire ants. Ants contacted by the drench die in less than 24 hours.

Secondly, ant baits are effectively used to treat individual mounds. Baits are insecticides that have been mixed with ant attractants. Worker ants carry particles of the bait back to the mound and feed them to the queen. Although the insecticide kills the queen, workers may be active inside the mound for several weeks before the colony finally disappears.

The red imported fire ant, *Solenopsis invicta* (the invincible stick), a native of southern Brazil, currently inhabits nine southern states. If bitten, the unlucky victim may suffer from white pustules formed a few days after the attack, for some, it can be worse.

Fire ant mounds vary in size, usually in direct proportion to the size of the colony. For example, a mound that

is 2 feet in diameter and 18 inches high may contain about 100,000 workers, several hundred winged adults, and one queen. In addition, when the mound of an active fire ant colony is broken open, whitish rice grain-like larvae and pupae usually can be found. These immature ants will eventually develop into workers or winged adults.

During the spring and summer months, winged males and females leave the mound and mate in the air. After mating, females become queens and may travel as far as 10 miles from the parent colony. The queen is the single producer of eggs and is capable of producing as many as 1,500 eggs per day.

Fire ants will forage for sweets, proteins, and fats in homes and prefer oily and greasy foods. They feed on many other insects and, from that standpoint, could be considered beneficial. To find food, workers forage around their mound. These ants usually travel in underground tunnels that radiate from the mound. If the mound is disturbed, ants swarm out and sting the intruder.

Don't worry about finding fire ant mounds on weapons station ground. Plans are already in place to combat the summer swarm. "We are going to inspect weekly and treat all common areas and playgrounds for fire ants as needed," said John Forsythe, Head Facility Management Division.

The next time you are out in the back yard enjoying the sunshine, look down first; scan the ground for mounds or other evidence of these vicious pests. Ants can be dangerous to children and pets that may not be aware of the clear and present danger lurking in most back yards. These ants do more than ruin a picnic so be prepared for the inevitable bite and sting.

Helpful Fire Ant Safety Hints:

What do I do if I am stung by a fire ant? According to Hospital Corpsmen Second Class Dustin Sutherland of the Naval Hospital Charleston preventive medicine division:

1. Move rapidly away from the nest.
2. Quickly remove or kill ants on skin and clothing to prevent further stings.
3. Wash the area gently with soap and water to rid the skin of any venom on it.
4. Disinfect bite with alcohol.
5. Place cool cloth or ice cloth on sites for 15 minutes.
6. Try dabbing the site with one of the following: topical (cortisone) or systemic (oral) antihistamine (e.g. benadryl), calamine lotion, enzyme cleaner or meat tenderizer.
7. Do not scratch the pustule because this can lead to infection.

Note: Rarely (0.5%) of patients will have an allergic response immediately or over the first few hours. The symptoms of this are difficulty breathing, lightheadedness and weakness. If an allergic reaction occurs, call 911 immediately to get medical attention.

Moving soon? Be aware of changes in claims processing

**From the Naval Supply Systems Command
Jacksonville, FL**

Last year, the Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG) performed a functional assessment (FA) of the Naval Legal Service Command (NLSC) claims functions to determine ways to improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of Navy's claims programs. As a result of the claims FA, changes are being made regarding how we process claims filed pursuant to the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act (PCA), 31 U.S.C. 3711. PCA claims include claims for loss/damage to household goods and Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs) shipped or stored at government expense pursuant to Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders and loss/damage to personal property located in quarters provided by the government.

OJAG is centralizing the PCA function at PCA Claims Unit Norfolk, except for PCA claims from the Pacific (Guam, Japan and Hawaii). PCA Claims Unit Branch Office Pacific will adjudicate PCA claims arising in the Pacific, will be located in NLSO Detachment Pearl Harbor, and will report directly to PCA Claims Unit Norfolk.

Since April 1, NLSO Southeast and its detachments/branch offices no longer process or adjudicate PCA claims. All claims for household goods or POV shipments delivered to NLSO Southeast Jacksonville, NLSO Southeast Detachment Mayport, NLSO Southeast Branch Office Kings Bay, NLSO Southeast Branch Office Charleston, and NLSO Detachment GITMO are now processed by the new PCA Branch in Norfolk, Virginia:

Personnel Claims Unit Norfolk
9053 First Street, Suite 102
Norfolk, VA 23511-3605
Fax number: 1-866-782-7297

PCA claims packages will continue to be available at NLSOs and at all Staff Judge Advocates' offices, and Personal Property Offices, and will be available electronically at Navy Knowledge Online (NKO), Navy One Source, all NLSO websites and the OJAG website. Completed claims will be accepted by mail or by facsimile transmission.

The Office of the Judge Advocate General will establish a PCA telephone "Help Line" at PCA Claims Unit Norfolk to assist prospective claimants with the preparation and submission of PCA claims forms and supporting information. The "Help Line" will be a toll-free 800 number connected to a help desk established in PCA Claims Unit Norfolk, which will be manned from 7:30 am to 7 pm, Mondays through Fridays. The number is 1-888-897-8217.

Personal Property offices will remain responsible for endorsing and dispatching the DD Form 1840R to the carrier.

For more information, call the HELP line.



BARRACUDAS Swim Team

Register April 17 - June 2

Naval Weapons Station Youth Center (764-7809)

Monday-Friday 6:00 am-6:00 pm

*Proof of P.A. #5, Class
is Required*



Meeting Your Needs. At Home. At Sea.

10 WAYS TO BUILD SELF-ESTEEM IN YOUR MILITARY CHILD

1. Hug and kiss your child every day. When away on assignment, express your love through daily letters, calls, or other communication.
2. Praise your child. Acknowledge accomplishments, big and small.
3. Help your child feel special. Emphasize the privilege, responsibility, duty, and pride that go along with being a military child.
4. Concentrate on the positive. Remember, children's self-confidence needs an extra boost when they fail at a task.
5. Treat your child as a unique, valued, and respected individual, not just an extension of you.
6. Take time to hear your child's feelings and concerns, especially those that concern your military lifestyle.
7. Be a good listener. Children feel good about themselves when they know others value what they have to say.
8. Show respect for your child's interests and ideas, even when they differ from your own.
9. Encourage your child to do his/her best. Show your appreciation and pride in those efforts.
10. Love your child unconditionally. Express your love frequently (1997 The Bureau For At-Risk Youth)

Schedule of Workshops

Apr 14	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Job Fair at SPAWAR Bldg. 3112
Apr 18	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Anger Management
Apr 20	9:00 a.m.- Noon	Smooth Move
Apr 21	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Common Sense Parenting Part One
Apr 25	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Infant/ Child CPR
Apr 28	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Common Sense Parenting Part Two
Every Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Spouse Employment & Staffing Agency Orientation
Every Wednesday	9:30 -11:00 a.m.	Play Mornings
Registration is required.		
Fleet and Family Support Center 843-764-7480/7294		

Need help in controlling your anger?

Your Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will, once again, hold an Anger Management workshop in Building 786. We all know what anger is, and we've all felt it: whether as a fleeting annoyance or as full-fledged rage. Anger is a completely normal, healthy emotion unless the emotion controls your life. Come join us April 18, at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.! Understand and control your anger. Learn tips and techniques to help control rage and increase your quality of life.



Frustrated as a parent? *Children in control?*

Your Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) will, once again, hold a Parenting workshop for pre-school and school age children in the Reagan Building on the date listed below. This 2-part workshop will focus on learning and practicing effective praise, preventive and corrective teaching, and staying calm while teaching self-control to your child.

So, gather up the kids and begin the year fresh. Come join us for two exciting workshops, the first one on Friday, April 21 and the second one, Friday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Must attend both workshops to obtain certificate. (Please call 764-7480, ext. 13, to register.)

2006 NWS Charleston's Fleet Feet 5K Results

Overall Male

1st, Jason Burnes (17:32)
2nd, Spencer Talley (17:59)
3rd, Ryan Thompson (18:30)

Overall Female

1st, Jennifer McDonagh (20:07)
2nd, Meghan Malia (23:39)
3rd, Dell Toomer (23:54)

Male Winners By Age Group

Age 17 & Under

1st, Forrest Parker (20:20)
2nd, Brandon Wood (24:53)

Age 18-24

1st, Matt Finkenbinder (19:50)
2nd, Adam Dewitt (19:59)
3rd, Fred Saporita (21:08)

Age 25-29

1st, Joshua Mavis (21:50)
2nd, John Atkinson (22:05)
3rd, Emary Bryant (25:19)

Age 30-34

1st, Marc McCombs (20:25)
2nd, John McCombs (23:02)
3rd, Chad Guillory (27:02)

Age 35-39

1st, John Nowak (20:06)
2nd, Juan Acevedo (21:26)
3rd, Paul Wood (21:56)

Age 40-44

1st, Mark Nelson (19:24)
2nd, Bott Hampton (24:11)
3rd, Shawn Davis (24:49)

Age 45-49

1st, Captain Gary Edwards, Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Charleston (20:34)
2nd, Michael Craine (26:45)
3rd, Charles Baylor (32:28)

Age 50-54

1st, Richard Carter (20:28)
2nd, Dan Clapper (20:30)
3rd, Wayne Todd (25:17)

Age 55-59

1st, Paul Brown (22:39)
2nd, Robert Aydelotte (23:12)
3rd, Jack Collier (29:21)

Age 60 & Above

1st, Ed Brinkley (20:43)
2nd, John Bradley (24:01)
3rd, Roger Singian (34:00)

Female Winners By Age Group

Age 17 & Under

1st, Erica Grimes (32:18)

Age 18-24

1st, Crystal Martin (30:49)
2nd, Stephanie Schmidt (32:25)
3rd, Cathleen Walker (37:06)

Age 25-29

1st, Jennifer Frazier (26:04)

Age 30-34

1st, Cathy Morse (26:05)
2nd, Husniyah McNeill (27:33)

Age 35-39

1st, Wendy Chambers (27:44)

Age 40-44

1st, Melissa Vessell (33:49)
2nd, Luella Cooper (54:31)

Age 45-49

1st, Emma Gleave (33:39)
2nd, Camilla Greene (35:23)

Age 50-54

1st, Laura Huff (29:25)
2nd, Sherril Bean (33:59)
3rd, Levern Livingston (42:27)

Age 55-59

1st, Clara Hogan (31:17)
2nd, Gwen Caldwell (1:02:47)

Age 60 & Above

1st, Joan Mulvihill (29:12)

Intramural Run

1st, Jason Burnes-NNPTC (17:32)
2nd, Spencer Talley-NNPTC (17:59)
3rd, Jennifer McDonagh-NNPTC (20:07)

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Please submit to: shoreline@navy.mil or call: 843-764-4094

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Sports on Station



Feel the Sting!

The Naval Weapons Station STING 11-12 year old girls basketball team finished their year in first place in the North Charleston basketball league. They completed the season with a 10-0 record, had a remarkable run and won by an average of 15 points per game. The team and fans represented the base extremely well. Team members are: Taylor Baron #10, Morgan Fires #5, Ashley Goodman #25, Quadejha Gray #23, Jewel Green #2, Siera Patrick #4, Jannah Placek #20, Brianna Ross #22, Kshatriya Smith #3, Aleighsa Welch #21, and Sabrina Wood #24. The team was coached by Clay Fires along with the assistance of many parents. The team worked very hard, were outstanding representatives of NWS, and wish to thank the parents, fans and MWR for the tremendous support during a very successful season.



Photo by Scott Bassett

From the pulpit to the hardwood

In January the Base Chapel entered a team in the Intramural Basketball League. They were blessed to win the league championship on March 9th. Chaplain Johnson confesses "I am very proud of our team. Not just because they won the title with a 13-1 record, but also because they did so with outstanding character and sportsmanship." Pictured are the Chapel Staff w/CAPT Gary Edwards (left to right): RP2 William Baxter, RP2 (SW) Keni Carmichael, LT Joseph Johnson, CAPT Gary Edwards, RP3 Victor Green, LT John Kelly.

HOSPITAL

Reports

U.S. Naval Hospital - Charleston



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What a Surprise!

CAPT Susan A. Widhalm could not have been more surprised on Thursday, March 30th, when she was asked to come to the first floor of Naval Hospital Charleston. There she found anchorman Bill Sharpe from Channel 5, WCSC, with the camera rolling! During the ceremony that followed, she was inducted into the "Hall of Fame", an award that recognizes people in the community for their selfless effort. Nominated by staff member Clifford June, who stated she is very deserving because she always takes care of others first and is always giving to the staff and community. The award started about 15 years ago as a way to award people who might go unrecognized for the good things he or she is does. The lobby of the hospital was full of supporting staff members who somehow kept it a secret.



Photo by Roberta Neighbors

New State Record Set in Power Lifting

Doug Ricafrente, (center) a carpenter at Naval Hospital Charleston's Facilities Department ought to be the "crowned champion" of power lifting! Competing in the Masters Division, 60-64 age group, 275 lb. weight class, he broke five State records at the March 18 competition in Columbia, SC. The 60-year old, 258 lb. Ricafrente set records in the single lift bench press at 395 lbs., and four combination lift records with squat of 500 lbs., a 395 bench press, and a dead lift of 405 lbs, for a new State Total Lift record of 1300 lbs. Ricafrente will compete again on April 15th at the Ladson Fairgrounds. Pictured alongside Ricafrente are Earl Brown, (left) Facilities Department Head, Doug Ricafrente, and CAPT S. A. Widhalm, Commanding Officer.



Leisure TIMES

MWR News For Navy Charleston

Unless otherwise indicated, Liberty trips and events are open to all hands of NWS Charleston and its tenant commands (active duty, civilian and dependents, ages 18 and up). Sign up for these events at the ITT office located in the Outdoor Adventure Center (Building 1700, Fletcher Street). The ITT/OAC/Liberty building is open from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Call 764-7002 or 764-2120 for more information or check us out on the MWR website at www.mwr.nwschs.navy.mil.

Mall getaway day!

Mall and a Movie, Apr. 15, 12 noon.

Need to go shopping? Want to see the latest release at the box office? Now you can do both at once with Liberty. We will head to Northwoods Mall in North Charleston in order to do some shopping and see a movie at the theatre nearby. Transportation is provided to and from this event. For more information, contact Liberty at 764-7002.

The dodge boys are back!

Dodgeball, Apr. 18, 3:30 p.m.

You saw the movie and now it's time to play the game! "If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball!" Don't worry, there won't be any wrenches involved, but you will need to come ready to win! First time players are always welcome. Bring your friends to the Multi Purpose Fields, because this is an event you won't want to miss! For more information, contact Liberty at 764-7002.

A knock out lunch!

Knock Out, Apr. 20, Lunchtime.

Come out for some lunchtime stress relief! Join Liberty at the Activity Complex for a game of knock out, just like you played in physical education class. Even if you've never played before, you're welcome to join us! Do not miss out on this chance to play a little basketball, knock out style! For more information, contact Liberty at 764-7002.

Sounds like a party to me...

Barracks Bash, Apr. 21, 5 p.m.

Do not miss out on this wacky Olympic themed barracks bash, held right outside the BEQ's! There will be food, prizes, games, and most importantly, fun! Spend your Friday afternoon enjoying a party right out-

side your door (literally!). For more information, contact Liberty at 764-7002.

Can you lend a helping hand?

Habitat for Humanity, Apr. 22, Time: 7:30 a.m.

Spend your Saturday morning helping out the less fortunate in our local community. This is a great cause and an awesome way to give back to those around us. Bring your whole class or just a few friends, and enjoy this event with Liberty. For more information, contact Liberty at 764-7002.

Eeeeyahhh....Spike!

Volleyball, Apr. 25, 3:30 p.m.

Come join Liberty at the Multi Purpose Fields for a game of volleyball. Bump, set, hit, match! Tall or small, you can be of use on the court! Do not hesitate to come join us, even if it is your first time playing! Newcomers are always welcome. Don't miss it! For more information, contact Liberty at 764-7002.

Takin' it to the streets

Street Hockey, Apr. 27, 3:30 p.m.

Not as cool as ice hockey, but at least it's still hockey! Join Liberty at the hockey rink as we play a game of street hockey. As always, first time players are always welcome. This event will be fun, so you don't want to miss out! For more information, contact Liberty at 764-7002.

April special at Frame of Mine

Be sure to take advantage of the April special at Frame of Mine. Receive 30 percent off all custom frame orders and 50 percent off select in-stock unframed prints (offer good through Apr. 28). For more information, call Frame of Mine at 764-4107.

Do you want to work at home?

Attention, spouses! Want to start your own home business?

Are you looking for a new career in 2006? Come check out the Naval Weapons Station's Child Development Homes (CDH) program on May 8 and see what the program is all about. The CDH orientation class will meet from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the Youth Center Annex (Building 777, next to New Wave Aquatic Center). Call 764-7347 for more information about becoming a professional childcare provider.

Can you handle the Rage?

Are you tough enough for the Road Rage 5K Road Race?

The "Road Rage" is a 5K race held monthly and is run through Navy Housing. The race begins at 6:30 a.m. and is held the last Wednesday of each month. The next race is scheduled Apr. 26. All runners should meet outside of Sam's Gym Fitness Center on Jefferson Street. The race is free to all participants and is open to all active duty, retirees and dependents. No registration is required. Simply show up ready to run. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finishers in the following age categories: Overall, 18-22, 23-28, 29-34, 35-39, and 40 & over. Call 764-7530 for more information.

Springtime means golf!

Spring golf league to start in May at Redbank Plantation Golf Course

Any golf teams that are interested in entering a team for the spring golf league needs to call Redbank Plantation Golf Course to enter the team by Wednesday, April 26. Each team will consist of at least four people. Each team should have at least enough people to have backups in case some of the players are on leave or not available to play on a certain day. There can be unlimited numbers of participants on any given team. Teams will play at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning May 10, with eligible teams gaining Captain's Cup points. The fee is \$10 per person, which includes cart. Any team members not playing on Wednesdays may still come out that day and play for the same \$10 fee. There will be a league meeting of the captains at the golf course on Wednesday, May 3 at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Rogers at 764-7802.



Summer bowling league time!

Summer bowling leagues now forming

Summer bowling leagues are now being formed at Marrington Lanes. We offer men's, women's, seniors' (ages 50 & up), mixed and youth leagues. Below is a list of available leagues and times that will start soon for the summer at Marrington Lanes:

- * "Just for Fun" (Seniors)-Monday, 10 a.m.
- * Turbo (Mixed)—Monday, 7 p.m.
- * Adult/Youth—Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
- * Menriv Originals (Women)—

Wednesday, 9 a.m.

* 21 Point Peterson (Mixed)—Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

* Marrington Seniors (Mixed)—Friday, 10 a.m.

* Friday Nite (Mixed)—Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on the summer fun at Marrington Lanes! Call the Bowling Center at 764-7235 and sign up today!



Month of the Military Child

April is the Month of the Military Child and the NWS Library will give away free "I'm proud to be a Military Kid" coloring books while supplies last. Call the library at 764-7900 for more information.

Library week is here

National Library Week is Apr. 18-24

The NWS Library will celebrate National Library Week, Apr. 18 through 24, by giving away coloring and activity sheets. In addition, the library will give away free "Celebrate National Library Week" bookmarks while supplies last. For more information, call the library at 764-7900.

Just the FAX ma'ame...

Fax service available at NWS Library

Do you have an important document to send? The NWS Library offers fax service Tuesdays through Saturdays. The cost for local incoming, outgoing and 800 numbers is \$1 for the first page and .50 for each additional page. The cost for long distance fax service is \$1.50 for the first page and .50 for each additional page. Fax service is also still available at the ITT office.

For more information about any of the NWS Library's programs or services, call 764-7900.



Camp Grinning Gator is soon

Lay-away now for Camp Grinning Gator

Summer will be here before you know it! At the NWS Youth Center, summertime means Camp Grinning Gator time!

Camp Grinning Gator is open to dependent children (ages 5-12) of active duty military, retirees, reservists, DoD civilian

EODMU-6

"When the call comes in...we're r

At home and abroad...

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mission, and tactics change so often," said Shawn Davis, command master chief of EODMU-6.

They carry with them a wide array of detection and recovery devices; remote controlled robots that can be used to detect and pick up explosive devices, metal detectors, and cameras that can see around corners. They don't just operate on land, swimmers deployed with Carrier Strike Groups use specially designed scuba gear to disarm mines and clear shipping lanes for merchant and military traffic.

"My detachment does primarily underwater mine countermeasures, even though I'm working out of rate I really enjoy my job," Aviation Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Alfred Stansberry EODMU-6 and is also the Atlantic Fleet Forces Command Sea Sailor of the Year.

EOD Sailors are juggling both a difficult deployment schedule and volunteering in the community. Charleston's EOD detachments are making positive changes at home and clearing the way for troops to operate in hazardous environments abroad.

Commander Jason A. Gilbert, Commanding Officer of EODMU-6 states, said "the capabilities to support Carrier Strike Groups and troops on the ground were not at all borne from our expertise as mine countermeasure specialists - they were borne from the character that is ingrained and true in all EOD techs: being flexible and always professional" said Gilbert. "They prepare, train and deploy for war, adding their contribution to the force that will defeat those who threaten our nation's freedoms."



Each detachment is assigned their own "high bay" which allows them to store all equipment used for deployment. The detachments deploy at a moments notice onboard USAF C-17 cargo planes.



Dive gear stands at the ready. EOD teams never know if their mission will be on hard ground or below the waterline, but the equipment stands ready to serve their needs as the mission requirements dictate.

ready!"



ET2 (EOD) Joshua Mavis (left) demonstrates the latest in explosive sensing robotic technology to a group of EOD retirees who were on hand for a recent building dedication and demonstration of new equipment and tactics.



QM1(SW) Walter Oswinski (above) demonstrates another of EOD's high-tech robots to a group of Sedgefield Intermediate students during the recent career day event. These devices have proven themselves invaluable to the EOD teams as they do their part in the war to fight terrorism.



EMC (SS/DV) Eric Strickland cleans the board for another round of underwater tic-tac-toe during a recent career day demonstration at Sedgefield Intermediate School.



A hyperbaric pressurized living environment is skid mounted in a standard shipping container to assist the deep dive teams in the event the mission requires prolonged stays at deep water depths.



CMDR Jason A. Gilbert, EODMU-6 commanding officer, cuts the cake during ceremonies commemorating the mentoring partnership between EODMU-6 and Sedgefield Intermediate School. Also pictured are (from left) Mrs. Susan Best, Sedgefield Intermediate School principal, 4th grader Shayla Simmons and 5th grader Cole Flageole.

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employees, and DoD contractors. Sessions are May 30-Jun. 23, Jun. 26-Jul. 21, and Jul. 24 until school starts.

Campers will participate in drama, music, nature activities, skating, bowling, field trips, movies, sports, and much more! Camp fees are based on a sliding fee scale based on total family income, and a \$25 non-refundable deposit with our layaway plan will ensure your child of a place in camp. Only 180 slots are available per session.

With the Youth Center's special Camp Grinning Gator layaway plan, there's no reason why your child can't have a blast at camp this summer! Stop by the Youth Center today to register your child, or call 764-7809 for more information.

Junior Counselor training

Youth Center Offering Junior Counselor Work Skills Training Program

Hey, parents! What will your teen do this summer? Why not have them join the Junior Counselor Work Skills Training Program, which will be held in conjunction with the Naval Weapons Station Youth Center's Camp Grinning Gator! Teens (ages 13-15) will learn new work skills while participating in camp activities such as roller-skating, bowling, movies, swimming, and other fun activities.

The program is designed to introduce teens to the requirements of a profession to help them prepare to join the workforce. By assisting adults as junior counselors, the teens will learn teamwork and discover how

it relates to the workplace, learn about the mission and purpose of the workplace, and learn the following job skills:

- * Telephone skills (correct procedures for answering phones).
- * Equipment skills (adding machine, fax machine, copy machine, calculator, and computer).
- * Meeting skills by attending staff meetings.
- * CPR and First Aid.

The teens will learn the connection between LEARNING AND EARNING—why a good education is the key to getting a good job and why lifelong learning is important to continued success. They will also learn to recognize child abuse and develop a good understanding of why children act the way they do.

Sessions are May 30-Jun. 23, Jun. 26-Jul. 21 and Jul. 24 until school starts. The cost is \$75 per session for the first and second session and \$50 for the third session. There is a limit of eight teens per session.

Each junior counselor will receive a staff T-shirt and a certificate upon completion of the program. Call the Youth Center at 764-7809 to sign up your teen for this exciting program.

Eggstravaganza is tomorrow!

2006 Easter Eggstravaganza at Marrington Plantation is TOMORROW!

Get ready for the big Easter Eggstravaganza at Marrington Plantation coming up tomorrow (Saturday, Apr. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Admission is FREE!

Hey, kids! Get ready for the Easter bonnet contest at 10 a.m. and the best-decorated Easter basket contest at 10:30. Age groups for these two contests are 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12 (basket should be decorated by the child).

At 11 a.m., get ready for the big Easter egg hunt for the same age groups. Bring a container to collect your eggs. There will be special eggs with prizes inside! You might win a chocolate bunny, Easter basket, stuffed animal or a giant Easter surprise!

Then get ready for two more hours of fun with the exciting Easter Carnival and Bunny Land from 12 to 2 p.m. Come out and enjoy the Tiger air castle and face painting. Meet "Thumper", "The Easter Chick" and many more characters in Bunny Land!

For more information about the Easter Eggstravaganza at Marrington Plantation, call the Youth Center at 764-7809.

Hey...let's do lunch!

Join us for lunch at the Redbank Club



The Redbank Club's Palmetto Grill serves up delicious lunches Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Palmetto Grill continues its "Lightning Lunch" buffet Tuesday through Thursday for those of you with a limited time for lunch. The buffet changes daily but it always offers at least two meats, starches, vegetables, soup, salad bar and dessert. The soup and salad bar offers two soups daily to choose from, as well as a

Caesar salad. The entire buffet is \$6.50, which includes iced tea and water. The soup and salad bar is available for \$4.75 and the salad bar only is \$4, which also includes iced tea and water.

On Fridays, get treated to the 8 oz. ribeye steak special or the 15-piece fried shrimp special. The steak special is \$6.95 and includes a baked potato, side salad, Texas toast, sauté onions and mushrooms (drink not included). The shrimp special is also \$6.95 and includes a baked potato, Texas toast and side salad (drink not included).

Make the Redbank Club your next choice for lunch. For more information, call the Redbank Club at 764-7797.

Are the plates really Blue?

Try the Palmetto Grill's "Blue Plate" special

In addition to the lunch buffet, the Palmetto Grill offers a "Blue Plate" special for a change of pace. The main entrée varies daily but always features the chef's special of the day, a starch (french fries, onion rings or baked potato) and a large beverage. Stop by the Palmetto Grill for lunch today! Call the Redbank Club at 764-7797 for more information.

Always remember that you can reserve the Redbank Club or Storm Pointe Conference Center for your next banquet, party, or meeting, and special catering is just a phone call away. And for a special outdoor event, ask about the new pavilion, which is available to rent. Call 764-7797 for reservations.



Register now for 2006 Battling Bass Open Fishing Tournament at Short Stay

The 2006 Battling Bass Open fishing tournament will be a one-day tournament to be held Saturday, May 6 at Short Stay Navy Outdoor Recreation Area, Lake Moultrie, Moncks Corner. The tournament is open to the public and will include cash prizes, door prizes, a Big Fish Pool and trophies. Registrations will be limited to 200 boats and a 125 percent prize payback of total entry fees will be in effect. Registration costs is \$150 per two-person team, and a "big fish" pool entry is included with your \$150 entry fee.

Lodging reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. When you call, tell the reservationists that you are fishing in the Battling Bass tournament. Reservations are currently being made for the spring months, so it is recommended that you make your reservations early.

For tournament registration cost, entry forms, lodging reservations, or for more information, call Short Stay at (843) 743-2608 in Charleston; 761-8353 in Moncks Corner; or toll free at 1-800-447-2178. Entry forms are also available online at www.shortstay.nwschs.navy.mil/bbassreg.htm

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Saturday, April 15, 2006
Marrington Plantation
10:00 am-2:00 p.m.
Free Admission

Events

10:00 a.m.
 Easter Bonnet Contest & Best Decorated Easter Basket Contest (basket should be decorated by the child)
 age groups: 3-5, 6-9, 10-12

11:00 a.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt, age groups: 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12
 Bring a container to collect your eggs. There will be special eggs with prizes inside. You might win a chocolate bunny, Easter basket, stuffed animal, or a giant Easter surprise!

Noon- 2:00 p.m.
 Easter Carnival & Bunny Land
 Come out and enjoy the Tiger Aircastle, Face Painting. Meet "Thumper", "The Easter Chick" and many more characters in Bunny Land!

WPMSTA Youth Center: 764-7809



Pet rules

Owning a pet can bring much enjoyment and satisfaction to a household, and their Housing Department encourages pet ownership. However, pets require care and attention by owners. Unfortunately, some pet owners in housing areas do not comply with the established pet regulations. Neglect of responsibilities by a few can make life miserable for many.

The most common concerns presented to the Housing Department are:

Animals running loose. Pet owners are reminded that both dogs and cats should not be allowed to run at large. "At large" means when an animal is off the premises of the owner and not under the charge, or possession of the owner or other responsible person by leash, cord, chain or other means. Animals must not intrude into common areas or neighboring yards. Animals must be kept under direct physical control at all times, i.e., in a fenced yard, or on a leash.

Dogs that are chained outdoors will be chained in the rear of the quarters and cannot be chained to equipment such as air conditioning units, gas regulators, etc.

Any pet running at large may be taken by the animal control officials and transported to the appropriate animal control shelter and confined until redeemed or disposed of. After impounding an animal, the animal control officials shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner. Pets not claimed within five days by their owners shall become the property of the animal control shelter and will be put up for adoption or destroyed.

Any animal determined to be abandoned by the animal control office shall be impounded by the animal shelter. Upon proof of inoculation and payment of appropriate fees, the owner may resume possession.

Female animals in season will not be permitted out of close confinement and may be ordered from the Family Housing areas if they become a nuisance.

Excessive barking by dogs. Occupants should ensure pets do not become a nuisance by barking excessively.

Failure of pet owners to clean up after pets. The prompt removal of animal excrement both at the residence and other property is required.

Damage of personal and government property. Owners will be held responsible for all damages caused by their pet.

Residents are also reminded that a maximum of two pets per household is allowed. If you own an animal and haven't already done so, stop by the Housing Welcome Center and pick up a copy of the pet instruction (WPNSTACHASNINST 11100.3). Protect your pet privilege.

Refuse containers

Housing residents are provided with a 90 gallon container for household refuse. These containers are furnished by the refuse contractor and are the only authorized container for trash pick-up.

Rental partnership program

If you are looking for an apartment or townhouse, stop by the Housing Welcome Center and check out

our Rental Partnership Program (RPP).

What exactly is the Rental Partnership Program? The RPP is designed to provide military personnel, enlisted and officer, with off-base affordable housing. The program is governed by an agreement between the Property Management Company and Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Charleston.

Key points concerning the program are:

Program enables military personnel to rent off-base housing with a 1-5 percent reduction in rental costs, requires no application fee or security deposit, and credit checks are waived.

All military personnel (married and single), who are members of the various branches of the military and who are currently eligible to apply for

Navy Family Housing, may apply for the RPP. A Power of Attorney is not authorized; member must apply.

The service member is required to initiate an allotment, via the Disbursing Office, for payment of monthly rent to the Landlord. Either a 6 or 12 month lease must be signed. The service member may terminate the lease with military orders, discharge orders, or a retirement certificate. An official copy of orders must be presented along with a

30-day written notice to vacate.

So, what do you need to do to get started? The military member must report to the Housing Welcome Center, with a copy of the following items:

Copy of Orders

Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), and if married, the

Record of Emergency Data sheet (Page 2).

Failure to bring all of the listed items will delay your ability to apply for the RPP program. The military member must have a minimum of six months remaining on EAOS and PRD. If single, E4 or below, the member must have written approval from their command to live off-base. When counseling has been completed, the military member will receive a list of participating apartment complexes along with a letter of eligibility. This letter, authorizing participation in the RPP, will be provided to the property manager of the RPP complex. For more information please contact Debbie McCoy, 764-7218/7219, at the Housing Welcome Center.

Safe Keeping!

In today's fast paced society, we are constantly hearing horror stories of someone having their wallet/purse lost or stolen, and the next thing you know their identity has been stolen too. Have you ever wondered how you can prevent this from happening to you? In an issue of FEDweek (www.fedweek.com), the following article was published to help you minimize the damage if this should happen to you.

To protect yourself from identity theft, place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. Thus, if your wallet is lost or stolen, you will know all the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. (Keep the photocopy in a safe place, of course.)

The key is having the toll-free numbers and your

card numbers handy so you know whom to call. If theft was involved, file a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent and will help start the investigation.

Call the three credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. If an application for

credit is made in your name, any company that checks your credit will know your information was stolen; they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. Also, call the Social Security Administration's fraud line at 1-800-269-0271.

Bachelor Housing Note

All residents are encouraged to report any trouble calls to the Front Desk so deficiencies may be repaired promptly. Cleanliness issues will continue to be noted as Bachelor Housing conducts their weekly room/unit inspections. Residents are reminded that personal items in common areas are not authorized, i.e., stereos, computers, TV's, play stations, etc. Safety and Security are an all hands effort, and all residents are to report the outage of any streetlights, parking on the grass, or abandoned vehicles to the Bachelor Housing Office. It is imperative that all personnel residing in Bachelor Housing make status updates concerning changes in rate/rank, PRD, EAOS, orders or assignment by contacting the Front Desk at 764-7646.

Reducing the Risk of Kitchen Fires

The kitchen is a relatively safe place, but it contains many elements that can lead to household accidents. Here are some things you can do to minimize fire-safety hazards in the kitchen:

* Regularly check electrical burners on your stovetop.

* Clean up accumulated grease.

* Regularly clean or replace vent screens.

* Smoke in designated smoking areas only.

* Know the location, type and purpose of your fire extinguisher.

* Avoid wearing loose clothing that can get caught in flames or appliances.

* Use an approved fire extinguisher or baking soda to put out small flames. Another option is to cover a burning pan with a lid. If anyone's clothing should catch fire, the rule is to stop, drop and roll.

* Keep the handles of pots and pans pointed toward the back of the stovetop.

* Never leave appliance cords hanging from counter tops.

* Remember the acronym "PASS:" P-pull the pin, A-aim the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the flames, S-squeeze trigger while holding the extinguisher upright, S-sweep the extinguisher from side to side, covering the area of the fire with the extinguishing agent.

The burning of incense, oil lamps, candles or odor-producing materials is prohibited.

If you have any questions, please contact CSC (SW/AW) Bustos at 764-7646 or email him at florentino.bustos@navy.mil.